

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

When I think of the hours my husband and I spent in selecting names for each of our children, I come to the conclusion that we would have done just as well to draw the names out of a hat.

Because none of them like the names we picked for them, regardless of the fact we waded through lists of 10,000 names. For some reason, I laid great importance in what the name meant. Although, as I now recall, every name seemed to mean "of noble birth" or "gift from heaven," the latter which always taxed the imagination, particularly with the 2 a. m. bottle.

We also tried to think of an Irish first name to go with their surname, but what will undoubtedly happen is that our little "colleens" will marry someone with the name of Bacigaluppi. Just as little "Gina's" will become "Daleys."

Perhaps, we would have been wiser to name them after a rich relative or two, provided, of course, that we could have located one on either side of the family. And do you think it would do much good to give your kid a name like "J. Pierpont" Daley?

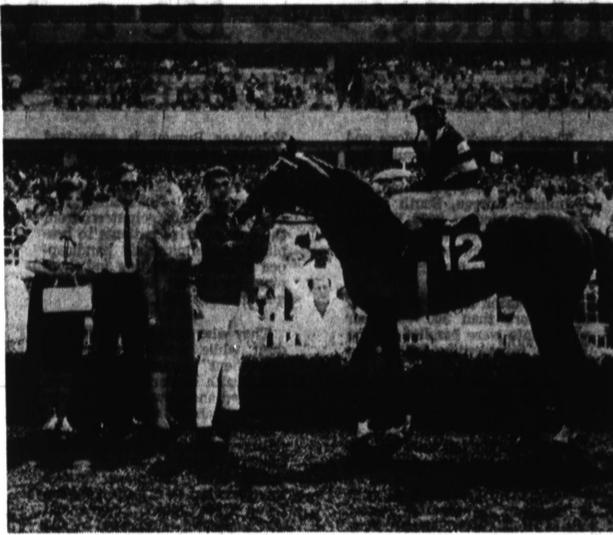
Naming a child after a relative—rich or poor—is very ticklish, however, because you don't want to slight anybody. But in our case, if we had known in the beginning that we were going to wind up with seven kids, we could have paid token tribute to a fair share of them.

In fact, names seem to run in streaks. I can't think of a single "Bertha," "Pearl" or "Mabel" among my children's friends nor boys with names like "Hugo," "Zeke," or "Archie." And it staggers my imagination, at least, to think of a 2-year-old toddler who would answer to the name of "Gus."

Of course, our kids aren't any different than any of their friends whom I've noticed will suddenly come up with a new spelling or variation of their name. It isn't always easy to keep track, even if it's one of your own kids. For instance, I still have to think twice whenever anybody telephones and asks for "Pat," which certainly is a familiar enough diminutive for "Patrice," but it's just that we've always used her full name or "Tricie." Both of which she naturally cannot stand.

And if your kids aren't changing their names on their own, it seems that the schools and others do a pretty good job, too. I thought we had picked easy-to-remember names, but Kathleen gets changed "Katherine," Elaine becomes "Eileen," Patrice is changed to "Patricia," Diane is always "Diana," Sharon is "Cheryl" and Jan is inevitably "Janice" or "JaneK." Not to omit Brian, who practically goes wild when he's called "Byron."

As for me, I don't have much of a choice either—Adelaide or Adeline. Do you think my parents might have drawn my name out of a hat?



A DAY AT HOLLYWOOD PARK

Visitors to the Hollywood Park winner's circle after the fifth race on a recent Saturday, were representative of the Pilot Club, of Torrance for whom the race was named. From the left, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roe, she a member of the Pilot Club, congratulate Mrs. Noble Threewitt, wife of the trainer of Street Fighter, winner of the Pilot Club of Torrance purse. Jockey Walter Blum rode the winner.

## At Kidnap Breakfast Clubwomen Parade Morning Fashions

The "latest" in early morning attire worn by clubwomen was much in evidence last Wednesday morning when the Torrance Woman's Club entertained at a Kidnap Breakfast.

A "pick-up" committee had been assigned by Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, and in the early morning hours this committee was out ringing doorbells and "picking-up" surprised club members and driving them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shaw, 20544 Osage Ave.

No previous invitation had been issued and party-goers were told to "come as you are." In "lively disarray," the 70 members attending enjoyed coffee and pastries at brightly-covered tables arranged in the patio and gardens. Bouquets of summer flowers decorated the tables.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Shaw were Mmes. James Clayton's Home

### Clayton's Home From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clayton returned today from a ten-day vacation trip. They spent Monday night at the family home at Morango Valley enroute to Mesa, Arizona, where they were guests of Mrs. Clayton's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trezise. They made the trip especially to see the latest addition to the family, Kristin Louise Hightower, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Hightower (Leslie Trezise) on July 6. Mr. Hightower will leave Aug. 8 for Vietnam on a year and a half assignment with USAID.

Wilkes, W. C. Moyer, Bruce Marsh and John Phillips.

Serving on the pick-up committee were Mmes. Leslie Steigh, John Tweedy, C. T. Rippey, Robert Moffitt, R. A. Bingham, M. E. Deiner, John Warnock, M. M. Schwab, William Faulds, C. L. Porter, Earl Miles, Dean Sears, J. P. Bay and Albert Isen.

## Mrs. Phillips Entertains At Bridge-Brunch

Mrs. Jack Phillips entertained at a bridge brunch last Thursday morning at her home at 20533 Osage Ave.

The hostess served a brunch at tables decorated with summer flowers. In the bridge games following, Mrs. Frank Barnes held high score and Mrs. Jack Rice was second.

Mrs. Phillips' guests were Mmes. Chalmers Strayer, Howard Walker, Frank Barnes, Jack Dean, James Wilkes, William Steinberg, Jack Rice, William Starr and Eugene Lenk.

## Secretaries Benefit Set For Aug. 13

Southwest District Legal Secretaries Association will hold its annual potluck at the home of Attorney and Mrs. Robert W. Little, 5513 S. Holt Ave., Los Angeles (Westchester area), on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is one of the association's main fund-raising events of the year.

Southwest members and some of the attorney guests will prepare their specialties to be served at the potluck.

Members of the other Los Angeles County Legal Secretaries Associations, and attorneys and judges of the Centinela-South Bay area are invited. Local members are expected to bring their bosses and their wives, along with their own husbands or escorts.

Reservations must be made with Jessie McIntyre.

## Huertea Host Colorado Guests

Colorado school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Gallegos and three children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jess Huerta of Torrance. Mr. Gallegos is a sixth grade teacher and Mrs. Gallegos is a High School Girls Counselor in Pueblo, Colo. During their visit they made a tour of Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Dodger Stadium and other places of interest.

## Decorator to Be Guest at Club Lunch

Patricia of the Latitude 20 restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway will be the setting for the Torrance Welcome Wagon Club's monthly luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 10, at 12 p.m.

Members will dine on Polynesian food preceding the program to be given by Jeanne Wyckoff of Berliner Interiors. Miss Wyckoff will give a presentation similar to those given in homes, illustrating her talk with swatches of carpet and drapery fabrics and with an easel to demonstrate color schemes in the home.

Child care is available for members and friends attending the luncheon. For reservations, which must be in by today, Mrs. Ronald McAlpin, 216 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, may be contacted.

## First PTA At Halldale Sets Reunion

A reunion for members of the original Halldale PTA, which was organized in 1949, is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 13. A potluck luncheon at 2 p.m. will be program for the day.

Those wishing more information concerning the event may call Mrs. Minot Rugg or Mrs. Hilda Myron.

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## Jaycettes Will Assist At Gala Ranchero Days

One of the main attractions at the Ranchero Days sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycettes will be the appearance of Mr. Wishbone, one of television's popular children's hosts. Mr. Wishbone will appear at 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 12.

### To Attend Board Meet

Southwest District will be represented by Mrs. Vincent McGuckin, governor, when the Board of Governors of Legal Secretaries, Inc., (California) meets for its first quarterly convention of the year, Aug. 18, 19 and 20 at Santa Barbara. Accompanying Mrs. McGuckin will be Mmes Gloria Venable and Jessie McIntyre. Forty-nine associations will be represented there.

The Jaycettes will be assisting by selling tickets and working in the food concessions. Mrs. Mike Zappitelli, second vice president, is in charge of the manning of the booths for the Jaycettes. Phil Sheaffer, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce is chairman of the event.

Ranchero Days this year is being put on by the Monarch Pacific Shows.

All proceeds from the three day event, beginning today will go to the Jaycee philanthropies, including the YMCA, youth and sports activities, Operation Bootstrap. Tickets are on sale now at all firms in the Del Amo Shopping Center and at Bullock's Fashion Square.

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